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SUB: SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE AGAINST SWAPO UNITS

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1. RAND DAILY MAIL QUOTES MIN DEF BOTHA AS HAVING SAID
EVENING OCT. 19 THAT SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCES WILL NOT
HESITATE TO PURSUE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLES ORGANIZATION
(SWAPO) INSURGENTS BEYOND SW BORDERS AND WIPE OUT THEIR
BASES IN NEIGHBORING TERRITORIES. BOTHA THOUGHT ONLY
SMALL NUMBER OF "HIT AND RUN" GROUPS MIGHT BE INVOLVED.
OVAMBOLAND AUTHORITIES SPECULATED THAT TWO GROUPS WHICH
WERE RAIDED SEVENTEENTH MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
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IN RECENT MURDER OF CHIEF ELIFAS.

2. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE AVOIDED SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMING THAT RAID, IN WHICH SEVEN SWAPO TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY KILLED, TOOK PLACE IN ANGOLA, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT IT DID. COMMENTS FROM "OFFICIAL SOURCES" INDICATE THERE WOULD BE NO HESITATION TO CONDUCT OTHER SIMILAR OPERATIONS IF CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM TO WARRANT IT.
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